GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Water Testing Kits under NRDWM
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether water testing kits are distributed in the country including Rajasthan under the National Rural Drinking Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance Programme and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the funds allocated under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
(c) the number of workers trained to create awareness at panchayat levels as part of this scheme, State/UT-wise; and
(d) whether the Government has conducted any evaluation study to check the effectiveness of the scheme and if so, the details and the findings thereof

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) As reported by States on Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 21.02.2016, 4.91 lakh chemical Field Test Kits (FTKs) and 118.88 lakh bacteriological vials have been distributed for chemical and bacteriological testing of drinking water since inception of Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance (WQMS) programme from year 2006 to till date (i.e 21.02.2016). In Rajasthan State, as reported by the State Government on IMIS of the Ministry, 14,747 chemical Field Test Kits (FTKs) and 7,21,161 bacteriological vials have been distributed till 21.02.2016. State-wise details of chemical Field Test Kits and bacteriological vials distribution since inception of Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance (WQMS) programme since 2006, to till 21.02.2016 is at Annexure-I.
(b) Funds allocated under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) during the last 3 years and in the current year till 21.02. 2016, is at Annexure-II. Under NRDWP, 3 % of funds are provided to the States for WQMS programme which inter-alia includes funds for procurement of water testing kits and for refilling of field test kits.

(c) As reported by States on Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 21.02.2016, 31.99 lakh people, including 28.33 lakh grassroot workers, have been trained for creating awareness. State-wise details of the person trained is also at Annexure-I.

(d) The Ministry has got a third party evaluation done for Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance (WQMS) programme under NRDWP. Key findings of the Agency are as below:

I. Out of 2500 GPs (Gram Panchayats) surveyed, 2,351 GPs had received field test kits.
II. Overall, about 78 % GRWs (Grass Root Workers) have received training for water quality monitoring and surveillance.
III. The Ministry should continue WQMS (Water Quality Monitoring & Surveillance) programme under NRDWP.

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